

CERRO GRANDE FIRE FLOOD FIGHT PLAN

PUEBLO OF SAN ILDEFONSO AND PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA

PART 2-EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY ASSISTANCE PLAN

EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN: The Pueblo of San Ildefonso and Pueblo of Santa Clara have requested that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) provide comment on a draft copy of their Flood Emergency Plans or Flood Contingency Plans. A copy of this plan is included with these comments. The draft copy was provided for the Corps to make comments on. The Corps comments are presented below.

PUEBLO OF SAN ILDEFONSO AND PUEBLO OF SANTA CLARA CONTINGENCY PLANS COMMENTS:

PART I. AUTHORIZATION

Responsible Agencies/Jurisdictions

Comment: A separate page should be attached to this plan containing the names of designated POC's for each agency/jurisdiction with relevant home and work phone numbers, cellular phone numbers, pager numbers, and fax numbers for the State of New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department and Public Safety Departments.

PART V. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Traffic Control Devices – Signs (“Warning! Extreme...”)

Comment: If a road can be entered from more than one point, signs should be posted at each entry point, e.g., dead end roads would need only one sign, but connector roads would need signs at both ends.

PART VI. FLOOD RESPONSE STAGES

Stage 1 – Flood Watch

Actions:

Observers should be dispatched to the locations of the advanced measures construction sites in the pueblo to monitor the sites for any problems that might develop and report any problem conditions. If it appears that the project is in danger of failing, housing or business areas of the pueblo that are in danger should be evacuated.

Under Action 1. We suggest changing the wording “Flood warning issued by National Weather Service or rainfall at following RAWS...” to “Flood warning issued by National Weather Service or when rainfall amounts reported at RAWS sites exceeds...”

Under Action 2. We suggest adding “Los Alamos Canyon at Totavi” to the sites to which observers will be dispatched.

Stage 3 – Flood Response Implementation

Under Action 4. “...Areas at risk and residents names and phone numbers are located in the Appendix...” If this list has been completed, it should be attached to the plan.

PART VII. RESIDENT ADVISORY

It is suggested that the following flood watch announcement be added to the flood contingency plan.

1. Based on weather forecasts there is a possibility of flooding occurring in the next X hours).” Residents are advised to stay away from the canyons or arroyos when large flows are occurring.
2. During and immediately after heavy rain, persons driving on roadways below the Cerro Grande Fire Area are advised to obey road closed and water on roadway signs and find alternate routes or postpone traveling in these areas.

General Comment: It appears significant sections of this document were not complete at the time the draft copy was printed:

- PART II. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POTENTIAL THREATS

NRCS identified threatened properties

- PART III. ORGANIZATION

RAWS stations located on maps

- PART VI. FLOOD RESPONSE STAGES

STAGE 1 – Flood Watch

1. *“check to see if these are most appropriate stations to determine risk to Pueblos”*
2. *“these are estimated problem areas, they may be adjusted once flood risk assessments have been completed by NRCS” and “is there a need to station an observer at sacred area?”*

STAGE 3 – Flood Response Implementation

5. *“determine what shelters/services are available”*

- PART VIII. MAPS

“attach maps...”

If these parts been completed, they should be incorporated into the Contingency Plan.